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## Put Your Mules to Work This Fall

Clemson College, S. C.,—October is the month in which to begin fall plowing, and it can be kept up with profit during most of the fall and winter.

Fall plowing for next spring's crops not only distributes the labor more evenly thruout the year, but it favors earlier seedling, improves the soil structure and kills many injurious insects.

Usually there is a rush at spring planting time, but in the fall work is slack. By plowing in the fall, then, there need not be such a rush in the spring. Furthermore, the early seedling of some crops has a decided advantage over late seeding, as has been repeatedly shown by experiments.

Freezing and thawing during the winter months makes plowed soils finer. More moisture has been found in the fall plowed soils in the spring than usually is found in the unplowed soils.

White grubs, wireworms, cutworms and corn-ear worms live over winter in the ground. Plowing in the fall turns them up to the cold and kills many of them.

Since you must feed your mule if you are going to keep him, why not use him for fall plowing and let your land and crops receive the benefits mentioned.

A handsomely dressed damsel entered a crowded tram-car. A rough-looking old fellow, wearing a dilapidated hat and a suit of homespun clothes, rose to his feet.

"Miss, take my seat. I don't look as well as these 'ere gentlemen," he said, nodding to several men, "but I've got more politeness."

Without a word of thanks the young woman sat down.

"Miss," said the old fellow, with a smile, "I believe I left my tobacco-pouch on the seat. Will you please get up?"

No sooner was the seat unoccupied than the old fellow deliberately sat down again.

"Believe I'll keep sittin' here, miss," he explained. "I've got a little more politeness than these 'ere gentlemen, but I have found out that I ain't got nigh so much common sense."

Dr. H. Smith, Eye Sight Specialist, will be at Pageland 2 days—Monday and Tuesday, October 30th and 31st.

## Atty. General Peeples Will Run For Governor

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 13.—"I will be in the race for Governor in 1918 regardless of who else may run," says Thomas H. Peeples Attorney General. Mr. Peeples is finishing his second term as Attorney General and in the recent primary was renominated without opposition for a third term. Prior to his election to his present office he served in the House of Representatives from Barnwell County. He is a native of Blackville in Barnwell County, and a graduate of the University of South Carolina.

Elected for the first time to the office of Attorney General in 1912 Mr. Peeples was the only Bleasne man that ran on a State ticket to be re-elected in 1914.

## What Me An' Jim Did

Twas jest about five years ago; Jim Green an' me was at the sto'—the one that's run by Old Man Simm, right on the road not far from Jim—an' we nosed an' looked around, we spied some apples, good an' sound. "Now what's the price of these?" says Jim. "They're two for five," says Old Man Simm. Jim give a start an' pulled his beard, an' looked as if he's kinder skeered—he didn't need no fruit, he guessed, 'cause with much money he wa'n't blessed.

This set our heads to workin' though, an' I said this when I rose to go: "Somebody growed them apples, Jim, as sure as fish and ducks can swim. They didn't grow that way for fun, not in a thousand years, my son! Then if some guy did grow 'em, Jim, we're jest as good and smart as him—an' what he done, we sure can do if we've got the grit to see it through."

Well sir, we got some saws an' things, an' perked our orchards up, by jings! We read some books on how to spray; we read some orchard stuff each day; this put our troubles on the run, an' growin' apples now is fun. We furnish Old Man Simm's store an' jest about a dozen more with apples, peaches, pears an' figs, the finest ever growed on twigs. The things we did ain't out of sight; we won out by a steady fight. So if you want good fruit to eat, the kind that's juicy, big an' sweet—w'y, go to work, work with a vim, an' you'll win out like me an' Jim.—H. in Progressive Farmer.

## German Submarine Near Boston

Boston, Oct. 13.—An unidentified submarine off the New England Coast was reported by the steamship Bovic today at a time when the steamship lane to Europe was dotted with munition laden ships just released from the embargo placed on their movements after the German submarine raid off Nantucket last Sunday.

The Bovic bound from Manchester, England, for New York, did not report the submarine's nationality, but gave its position when sighted at 8 a. m. today at about 200 miles due east of New York, not far from the scene of the U-boat activities of last Sunday.

The Bovic is due in New York late tonight or some time tomorrow.

The reports of the strange submarine were coincided with announcements that a fleet of British cruisers and destroyers was off the coast and that virtually the entire available destroyer flotilla of the Atlantic fleet of the United States Navy was on neutrality duty. That the American destroyers were conducting an active investigation of stories of secret submarine bases on this coast was indicated in a dispatch from Bar Harbor, Maine, which said the destroyer Paulding, sent out from the Newport naval base yesterday, made an exhaustive search of the coast between Bar Harbor and Rockland today. There was not a cove or rocky inlet that escaped the sharp scrutiny of the destroyer's crew. At dusk the Paulding pulled back to Rockland and it was understood that she had discovered nothing suspicious during the day. Those of her men who were given shore leave were ordered to report ready for sailing at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## Lancaster County Fair to be Held in November

Lancaster, S. C., Oct. 13.—The dates have been fixed and definitely decided upon, and next month, November 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 will see the Red Rose County enthusiastically holding its third annual fair. John M. Madra, exceedingly active in the elaborate preparations being perfected all over the county for Lancaster's greater fair.

The Southern railroad will operate a special train to bring to Lancaster during the two big days of the fair week hundreds of visitors not only from different sections of this county along the road but all those from adjoining counties.

A traveler, finding that he had a couple of hours in Cork, called a cab and told the driver to drive him round for two hours. Everything went well for a time, but soon the driver began to whip up his horse so that they narrowly escaped serious collisions.

"What's the matter?" demanded the passenger, "Why are you driving so recklessly? I'm in no hurry."

"Ah, g'wan wid yez," retorted the cabby. "D'ye think I'm goin' to put in th' whole day drivin' ye round for two hours! Gitap!"

Don't neglect your Eyes. Have them examined by a Specialist of reputation and glasses fitted to correct the defects. Free examination. At the Pageland Drug Co's Store.

Marrying a man to reform him is like drinking whiskey to destroy it.

## UNION COUNTY NEWS

Monroe Enquirer. Miss Bessie Austin returned yesterday from Chester, S. C., where she had been in a hospital for two months. She is rapidly recovering her health and strength and her many friends are delighted to know that she is on the road to recovery.

Dr. Watt Ashcraft has been suffering greatly for several days from the effects of an infected finger. He was operating on a horse and the animal kicked and a dypodermic needle was thrust into the veterinary surgeon's index finger on his left hand. He has gone to a hospital in Charlotte for treatment.

Second crop apples seem to be prevalent this year, but the best that have been seen in Monroe this year were brought here Monday by Mr. W. F. Funderburk, of Lanes Creek township, who brought in some nice second crop red June apples that are just ripening at this time. Mr. Funderburk says he has a splendid crop in October on his trees and that the apples grow in bunches of three. The Enquirer received a sample of the apples and it is fine.

Mr. Irwin Gale, who has been with the Belmont Pharmacy, at Charlotte, this week accepted a position with the Union Drug Company, in this city. Mr. Gale comes highly recommended and has already formed a number of friendships with those who have met him. The Union Drug Company's business is steadily growing and this new addition comes without anyone formerly connected with the store leaving.

## No Illiteracy in South Carolina in 1920

The South Carolina School Improvement Association has appointed November 15th as "No Illiteracy Day" in the State, and letters have been sent to county officials, college presidents, etc., throughout the state to this effect, but it is impossible for any movement to succeed without help from the press.

In 1910 one-fourth of the population of South Carolina could not write their names. By 1920 we want not one illiterate in the state.

Kentucky taught 40,000 men and women to read and write in two years; 18 other states have started a similar fight against ignorance. Shall not South Carolina keep up with other states?

Of our 167 mills, 98 had night schools last year, with over 5,000 enrollment. Besides these were a number of city and rural night schools. This was a good start, but if we are to have no illiterates by 1920, when the next census is taken, we must do better.

The press in other states has been generous and faithful in its assistance. Will you do the same for South Carolina? Urge teachers, advanced pupils, and all educated people to teach at least one illiterate, politicians to vote an additional tax for the maintenance of night schools, ministers to preach on the subject November 18th, jailors to start schools for their prisoners, and arouse the public in general.

Will you for the next three years keep this subject so before the public that we need no longer be ashamed of our state? Success depends largely on your co-operation. When we succeed in 1920, will your paper have a right to claim its just share of the glory?

E. JULIA SELDEN.  
South Carolina School Improvement Association.

## Vernon Helms Twice Attempts Suicide, and Runs Away

Vernon Helms, a young white man of Wingate, attempted suicide last Thursday morning by cutting his throat in the barn at the rear of the Helms residence, where he was found by his mother a short while afterward. Messrs. Kemp Helms and E. C. Snider hurried him to a Charlotte hospital, where he made a second attempt at his life Friday, Sunday morning he escaped from the hospital and was found an hour later a few miles down the Seaboard railroad.

Helms is a son of Mrs. Florence Helms and the late Mr. Talbert Helms, who was a prominent farmer of Lanes Creek township. His family are excellent people, and there are a great many sympathizers.

The Charlotte Observer gives the following account of the young man's experiences:

Observer, Sunday.

Vernon Helms, the young white man who was brought to the Brenizer Sanatorium in this city for treatment following an unsuccessful attempt at suicide in Wingate, again attempted to end his life at the sanatorium, Friday morning, by tearing the bandages from his neck. The first attempt at Wingate came near being successful, Helms cutting his windpipe and half severing his jugular vein with a razor.

At the hospital Saturday he was reported to be resting easily although his condition is still serious.

According to reports from attending physicians, Helms had been placed in his room at the hospital following an operation. It had been necessary for the surgeon to place an artificial tube in his wind pipe to allow respiration.

With the patient, the hospital authorities had stationed an orderly on watch to see that he did not injure himself. While the orderly was looking, Helms is said to have reached up and pulled the tube loose from his throat.

Aid was immediately summoned by the orderly, who overpowered the man and the wound was again dressed. It is necessary now for the patient's arms to be strapped to the bed for fear that he will further harm himself.

According to hospital attendants Helms is laboring under the delusion that "God is calling him" and explains his action by that statement. Another reason which he gives for attempting to hurt himself is that he is the only Holy man who ever came to Charlotte and for that reason he wished to die here.

Observer, Monday  
Escaping from the Brenizer

## Trying to Solve Ins. Problem

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 12.—Steps looking to the solution of the fire insurance situation which was brought about by the passage of the Laney-Odom anti-compact bill at the last session of the Legislature will be taken at a meeting of committees representing all of the local insurance agents' associations in the State in the Jefferson Hotel here. The initial steps for the meeting were taken by the fire insurance men of Charleston who have sent out circular letters to the prominent insurance men of the State asking for representatives from every locality to attend the meeting in Columbia on October 19th.

Sanatorium at 4:30 o'clock in the morning with nothing about him save the sheet that he jerked from the bed in which he was tied. Vernon Helms, the young white man from Wingate who has repeatedly attempted to take his own life, fled into the darkness during the early hours Sunday and was only recaptured after he had traveled out as far as Brier Creek on the Seaboard Air Line railway tracks, a distance of several miles.

The case is one of the most pitiful and distressing on record. Helms belongs to a poor but honest family of Union County. For some time he had been known among his neighbors as being slightly deranged, especially on religious topics. However he has always been regarded as perfectly harmless and his hallucinations have never concerned anyone except himself.

For several months past he has been very depressed and last week attempted to take his own life by cutting at his throat with a dull knife. He hacked the windpipe in too and touched the jugular vein in the strange idea that the Lord had called him and that he ought to give his life as a sacrifice for the world. Kind-hearted neighbors and friends hurried him in an automobile and brought him to Charlotte where he has since been under treatment.

Doctor Brenizer did everything for him in the way of skilled surgical attention but the young man was so violent and apparently possessed with the idea of taking his own life that it was necessary to wrap his arms and tie them so that he could not get at his throat. Again it was necessary to wrap his ankles and tie him in bed with a detention sheet across his knees and another across his chest. Even with this, he tried to get his head in between the iron supporters of the bedstead and twist his way loose. He (Continued on page 2)

## Auction Sale

As I am going to Florida I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or half cash

## On Saturday, November 4th

at 2 o'clock my house and lot in the eastern part of Pageland, sale to be in front of said house. This is a six-room house, built of good material, nice location.

Also my farm in the edge of town. No better land in that section.

It will pay you to look at this property before the sale and you will not mind bidding on it on November 4th. Good chance for someone to invest. To be sold regardless of price. You may never have such an opportunity again.

Remember the hour and the date, and be on hand, rain or shine.

**P. H. Evans**  
Angelus, S. C.

## Consider This

That whatever amount you spend here insures the utmost quality, the utmost quantity, the fullest values. You will find the values beyond comparison anywhere. Investigate and see if this isn't true.

**B. B. Eubanks**